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Arizona State Liquor Board Hearing Minutes September 10, 2020

Members Present:

Troy L. Campbell - Chair, Walter W. Jahn - Vice Chair, Jeffrey K. Oravits,

and Lynn Shulman

Members Absent:

Michael N. Widener

Counsel Present:

Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General

**Staff Present:** 

Arlene Moreno, Interim Board Administrator

## A. Call to Order

The hearing of the Arizona State Liquor Board was called to order on September 10, 2020, at 10:02 a.m. with Mr. Campbell presiding. Google Meet was utilized for facilitating the meeting. Board members, staff, and all parties participated telephonically.

## Roll Call

Mr. Widener was absent. All other members were present.

# B. 10:00 a.m. Agenda: Review, consideration and action

#### 1. Craft Distiller Liquor License, Application No. 109744 - Original Application

Shelly Christine Gerrish, Agent Monsoon Vermut LLC Monsoon Vermut 6940 N. Bobcat Lane Tucson, AZ 85743

This matter is set for hearing because of public protest. The Applicant, Monsoon Vermut LLC, and its Agent, Shelly Gerrish, appeared at the hearing and were not represented by counsel. Public protestor Pamela Oldfield did not appear at the hearing and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Gerrish addressed the Board. Ms. Oldfield registered her protest on May 27, 2020. On May 28, Ms. Gerrish received an email from Ms. Oldfield stating her concerns and requesting additional information. Ms. Oldfield was under the impression that Ms. Gerrish would be making wine on her property and she was concerned about the environmental impact. Ms. Gerrish explained that her business is making a craft beverage by using already brewed wine and then brewing and creating the beverage in her kitchen on the stove top. Ms. Gerrish stated that from her email communication with Ms. Oldfield, Ms. Oldfield said that she had a better understanding of the business and that her concerns were alleviated. Ms. Gerrish also applied for and was granted a home occupation permit from Pima County on June 23, 2020. The permit states that she

is the sole operator of the business; that she will create product in the kitchen; that her home office and storage shed will be used for business; that no business will be conducted outside of her home; and that all brewing and bottling will be done in her home.

Motion to grant license -

Shulman

Seconded -

Oravits

Yay -

Shulman, Oravits, Jahn, Campbell

Nay -

None

Abstained -

None

Disposition -

License granted

# C. Minutes; Review, Consideration and Action

Motion to approve minutes of

August 6, 2020 -

Jahn

Seconded -

Oravits

Yay -

Shulman, Oravits, Jahn, Campbell

Nay -Abstained - None None

Disposition -

August 6, 2020 minutes approved

# D. Reports on Current Events, Matters of Board Procedure, Requests and Items for Future Agenda

The next Board meeting is October 1, 2020. Mr. Oravits requested the Department send a message to the public that the Liquor Board is not removing establishments' Liquor Licenses per the Govenor's Executive Order. Assistant Director Jeffery Trillo, who is the Department's Public Information Officer, gave a brief statement regarding the ongoing misconception of the Liquor Board vs. the Liquor Department.

## E. Call to the Public

None.

Jahn

Motion to adjourn – Seconded –

Campbell

Yay-

Shulman, Oravits, Jahn, Campbell

Nay -

None

Disposition -

Board adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Interim Administrator of the Arizona State Liquor Board

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Date